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asked of Congress call for no explanation. They point to one cause of the humiliation President Wilson has brought on the country and emphasize the necessity of the presence of Congress in Washington.

The President said last night that with a new ruling in force to prevent delays he probably would call an extra session. That call must soon be issued. The sundry civil, army, general deficiency and appropriation bills went down with the armed neutrality bill. They must be passed before July 1. So the President will be compelled to call Congress this spring, and the sooner he does it the better. If the organization of the House threatens to impede legislation the struggle should be begun immediately, that is as soon as possible, in the international situation now existing, the President should have at his side a Congress that in patriotic devotion will not be second to its predecessor and in which the accident of time cannot support the purposes of a few misguided fools and deliberate traitors.

Close Up: Forward!

The action of the copperheads in the Senate who defied consideration of the armed ship measure is of importance only as it may create a public impression abroad that the United States is unwilling or afraid to protect her citizens and her ships on the high seas. Its purpose was to proclaim Uncle Sam a coward and our people pitiful without enough national pride to protect their own liberties against German aggression.

This false and treacherous picture of the American people a few Senators have united in painting for Germany. German delight must be instantly obliterated. That work should be begun today. The obliteration of the copperhead Senators will come later.

To set this people right before the world the first step is to be taken by the President. He has never lacked authority to arm our merchant ships. His defiance to Congress may have been courteous but has been politically unwise. Upon him to some extent rests responsibility for the deep sense of ignominy resting upon the American people today. Had he never asked for this redundant authority, or had he asked it in the burst of patriotic spirit which attended the righteous expulsion of Von Bernstorff, this situation could not exist. Bad as it is, disgraceful as it is, he can correct it this very day by ordering the instant equipment of the waiting American ships with the guns necessary for their defense and with the trained gun crews needed to man them. The Senate has failed miserably in its test of efficiency. Will President Wilson fail likewise in the one this day presents to him?

The immediate duty of the country is to repudiate the copperhead Senators and proclaim Americanism to all the world. It is reported that the Wisconsin Legislature is about to denounce La Follette and disavow his course. It cannot be done too soon. The Missouri Legislature before Stoen's perjury demanded that Congress pass the bill. If in the States of the other Senatorial Judiciary the Legislatures are not in session public meetings should be called to denounce and repudiate them. Here in New York, by great good fortune, the American Rights League had before this episode called a mass meeting to uphold the honor of the nation, to be held at Carnegie Hall to-night. It ought to be in Madison Square Garden. But limited as is the capacity of the hall, the capacity of the speakers for denunciation of this betrayal of American interests in the very face of the enemy will be unlimited. It is idle to urge attendance upon this meeting. What should be done, if time serves, is for its projectors to arrange for the overflow meetings which will be demanded.

The filibusters in the Senate do not represent the American people. But strenuous and organized efforts are already under way to convince the world that they do. Germany will be incited and encouraged to new murderous activities by the announcement that the United States has surrendered without mounting a gun. It must be the part of true Americans everywhere to controvert this belief by organizing all the forces of public opinion in the work of repudiating the copperheads and proclaiming the national purpose to defend the national honor.

The traitors have dropped out. Let all true men close up and advance!

Mr. Wilson's Second Inaugural.

The comparison between the second inauguration of Woodrow Wilson and that of Abraham Lincoln is hackneyed but inevitable.

With the record of history from which to judge it might be said that the great civil war President at the beginning of his second term faced a less menacing situation than that which confronts President Wilson today. The war was in fact won for the Union at that moment. But the nation did not know it. The President himself felt no assurance of early victory. His second inaugural address expressed no real prophecy of triumph, only the fervent hope that "this mighty scourge of war may speedily pass away." But in less than five weeks the surrender of Lee was completed at Appomattox. The far greater trials to the nation which were to come with the efforts at reconstruction were not then foreseen.

With his second inauguration Lincoln opened the last chapter of a contest which had almost fought itself out. President Wilson today opens at the preface the story of a war which is yet in the making. Perhaps the preface may close the volume, but that outcome is improbable.

Before the President are all the possibilities of a struggle for which the country is utterly unprepared and

the very nature of which a great body of our people seem unable to grasp. It is to our credit that we think not readily in terms of war, but it will be to our eternal discredit, and disaster too, if, confronted by war, we do not speedily learn not only to speak its language but to do its deeds as well. The Laconia should be the Fort Sumter of 1917—the overt act that shall unify the nation in defence of its very existence.

However penned in Germany's forces may seem to be, the revelation of her attempted intrigue with Mexico and Japan shows the determination with which she will seek some method of striking at us. However distant appears the emergency which would compel the entrance of United States troops upon the battlefields of Europe, it may arrive, and we must be prepared for it.

President Wilson has the pacifists and Germanophiles to handicap his actions to-day and to maintain a fire in the rear when the inevitable shall occur. But Lincoln had his copperheads, who to the end of the war harassed him incessantly. If no Valandigham has yet developed of sufficient importance to be worth sending into the enemy's lines, it is true that even in the halls of Congress are some for whom such an excursion might not unprofitably be recommended.

When the President takes oath of office at noon to-day he will face a condition not of his own making nor of the making of the American people. It is a condition with which only the steady support of the people can help him to cope. In return for that support he should give frankness and confidence. Secret diplomacy and one man power have ever been offensive to Americans. The open publication of the German plot has brought to the Administration a degree of support which could never have been attained by its jealous concealment from all eyes save those of a privileged few in House and Senate.

First Aid for Pirates.

Senator WILLIAM JOEL STONE, of Missouri, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Relations, who attempted on Thursday to extort from the President a disclosure of the secret means by which this Government became possessed of information concerning Germany's designs against our territory, distinguished himself on Saturday by revealing to the world one of the plans devised by the navy for the protection of American ships traversing those parts of the high seas in which pirates are now operating.

Mr. STONE declared the publication by him of this interesting information was innocuous, because, if the scheme were adopted, the first application of the method in the presence of pirate craft would inform the pirate captains of its details. But if it were successful in operation the pirate craft would not survive to warn other pirate craft of it; each pirate captain would be aware of it only in time to prepare himself hastily for whatever the future holds for pirates.

Thanks to Mr. STONE, the pirates will all have warning an opportunity to adopt protective measures. Is there any doubt that WILLIAM JOEL STONE has won the enthusiastic affection of all pirates?

Self-Revealed.

The proposal bearing Foreign Secretary ZIMMERMANN'S name, under the terms of which Mexico was to ally herself with Germany and induce Japan to quit her present alliance to attack the United States, bears date of January 19.

On January 31 Ambassador von BERNSTORFF communicated to the President Germany's cancellation of her pledge of May 4, 1916, to conduct submarine war in accordance with the law and the practices of civilization.

While the President was reading it for the first time the crash of smashing machinery could be heard in the hold of every German merchant ship tied up in United States waters, extensive German preparation against the inevitable.

When, on February 3, Ambassador von BERNSTORFF'S passports were handed to him that diplomat said: "I expected it."

"There was nothing else left for the United States to do."

Yet two days later, in his statement of February 5, Minister ZIMMERMANN declared:

"The American President gave to the German note an interpretation which was not intended by Germany."

"President Wilson's decision is astonishing."

It was on Wednesday, February 28, that the German plot outlined in the Zimmermann note of January 19 was made public. Three days later the semi-official admission of its authenticity came from Berlin, and in the course of this enlightening sentences occur:

"After the decision had been taken to begin unrestricted submarine warfare on February 1 we had to reckon, in view of the previous attitude of the American Government, with the possibility of conflict with the United States."

"Anticipating these possibilities it was not only the right but also the duty of our Government to take precautions in time—in the event of a military conflict with us—in order to balance, if possible, the admission to our foes of a new enemy."

"The German Minister at Mexico therefore was instructed in the middle of January that in the event of the United States declaring war he should offer to the Mexican Government an alliance and arrange further details."

So it now appears that what Minister ZIMMERMANN called the "astonishing" had, as is proved by German

confessions now forced into the light, been the subject of discussion in the middle of January; that the possibility not only of a diplomatic rupture but of war itself between Germany and the United States, as the result of the withdrawal of the pledge of May 4, 1916, was weighed, and arrangements to provide adequately for it were taken.

In the face of this record—a record made up of the outpourings of German statesmen themselves—how otherwise are those statesmen to be designated except as impudent and reckless hypocrites?

What Red Blood Curdles At.

When is a red blooded American not a red blooded American? On a Sunday morning in winter, evidently, if there was doubt about this conclusion, yesterday's storm drove it home. The gentle, pale blooded pedestrian, struggling on his way to church, must have doubted, for the time, the existence of those crimson, disk shaped cells which are supposed to flow in great numbers in the veins of our putative heroes.

As the walker sloshed through the slush in front of the home of JONKINS, who never does less than thirty-six holes of golf, was JONKINS wet with a shovel or broom, tossing wet snow to the gutter with that pitiless swing which is the talk of the links? Raise the negative to the link? With power and you have the answer.

Why was the deep and dangerous mess of slush in front of GRUMLEY'S house undisturbed except by the sudden feet of the churchgoer? Was GRUMLEY dead, that great man who walked across Hudson Bay, begging his dogs to hurry? No, not dead, but lolling in a pink dressing gown and ordering the chauffeur to put the chains on the car.

Before the door of STINKS, who tired 'em all out at Plattsburg, the mushy compound of snow and water lay all day while STINKS did his chest exercises in his attic gymnasium and mopped for spring to come.

Perhaps if snow shovels were made by Scotch professionals and the tailors turned out special costumes for sidewalk cleaning, it would be easier to walk to church on a distressful Sunday.

Gum Shoe Bill and the Wisconsin Pompadour. A pompadour, which each member finds solace and comfort.

Dr. CARRANZA is fortunate in having Ambassador FLETCHER near at hand to listen to his explanations. If Mr. FLETCHER had been sent to Mexico earlier, however, the First Chief might not have been under the necessity of making so many explanations.

We believe that the publication of our proposal to Mexico had a salutary effect on the American people.—The Colgate Gazette.

It has cleared the minds of many Americans of German blood who had permitted themselves to be led by the dance and encouraged to believe that the Hohenzollerns have a liking for this or any other free people.

Father TIME was shown up as a highly unneutral old gentleman on Sunday.

Are not the Germans, who have been seeking alliance with the Japanese, the conscientious custodians of civilization who for years have been warning us of the "yellow peril"?

United States Senator WILLIAM M. CALDER must not fall into the error of believing that all the enthusiasm displayed over him on his assumption of his new duties is tribute to his personal qualities. He is a good man, but many of the loudest cheers in New York State yesterday were due to the disappearance of JAMES A. O'GORMAN from office.

Naval officers were incensed to-night at Senator STONE'S disclosure in the debate of the plan to supply submarine chasers to be carried on the decks of armed American liners and put into the water when the barred zone was reached.—Hearst from Washington.

What does Gum Shoe Bill care for censure from the lips of mere American naval officers? Will not every disciple of Von Tirpitz bless him for his warning?

Four years ago yesterday Woodrow Wilson had ideal weather for the festivities surrounding his swearing in as President. Yesterday the skies were dark and snow was falling when he took the oath. On both occasions the weather was in sympathy with the political conditions; but Mr. Wilson is undoubtedly too strong minded to give thought to such meaningless omens.

Governor of Texas faces impeachment.—Newspaper headline.

First job under the German-Mexican rulership?

New Jersey's revived Democratic chieftain, the Hon. JAMES H. NUSSBAUM, has taken a thousand high hatted Democrats to Washington to help the President continue in office. Mr. Wilson will be pardoned if he asks where these unimpeachable patriots were on election day.

German statesmen apparently consider all men as base and unprincipled as they know themselves to be.

Minister ZIMMERMANN regards the breakdown of efficiency as of far more consequence than the exposure of his ingenious plan for the bestowal of good government on Texas, Arizona and New Mexico.

The unforfeitable sin—getting caught with the goods.

DO WE CARE?

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: We are living in a synecdochical time.

"Universal peace is a beautiful ideal, but while there is left in the world a nation uncivilized enough to make war on another nation there is no safety except in universal preparedness. The nation's size did not save him from extinction."

Do we care enough for this country to make sacrifices for its safety and preservation?

In view of threatening clouds let us remember that "United we stand, divided we fall!"

JEREMY CITY, March 3.

Gifts for Uncle Sam.

What gifts have we for Uncle Sam? The best gift is the best gift. What offerings are at his feet? From one and all?

See each cast out the selfish aim. The small ambitions that hold away. With one accord, and heart and soul Give him to-day.

Those who have come from foreign lands Where ancient ties of blood bind fast. Where alien memories are strong. Give him the Past.

And heroes bring the gifts supreme. The golden years they shall not live. For that which dwells in battle smoke Sell it for the once they have to do. At the editorial desk when he comes.

PLAINFIELD PACIFISM.

Thanks to It, the People of the Town Show Their Americanism.

To THE EDITOR OF THE SUN—Sir: The city of Plainfield, as everybody knows, is distinguished locally as one of the most attractive and well governed of New Jersey suburbs. It is nationally so embracing the broad acres of Senator Martine's farm. One day last week a delegation of pacifist agitators invaded the town. This little group of serious pliers sought to answer for the edification of our people four questions, after propounding them in advance in the local press. They were:

Should the people voice on peace or war? Being not bereft of understanding, at least any child in town can answer at least three of these four conundrums instantly and correctly. But all our people were not informed before the meeting that the visitors were lacking in that respect, so a few hundred at the most, who were mostly by curiosity, anticipating, without doubt, that this would be an excellent opportunity to hear what Mr. Ford's money sounds like when it talks. Personally I was not privileged to be present, the difficulty in the way being a weakness of the stomach, which invariably attacks me on the prospect of a demonstration of that kind.

A peaceful occasion was had. The emissaries of Bryanism and German diplomacy were treated with undue consideration, took steps to conciliate a few softened minds in a local organization, and departed with a good odor of sanctity and a conviction of pious duty well performed. They are mourned, but by no means forgotten, for the spirit